

REMARKS

With this Amendment the Specification has been amended. After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-15 and 67 are pending in the instant Application.

AMENDMENT OF SPECIFICATION

The first paragraph of the Specification has been amended to include the serial number and new attorney docket number of a related co-pending United States Patent Application.

No new matter is added by the amendment of the Specification. Accordingly, entry into the instant Application is proper and respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

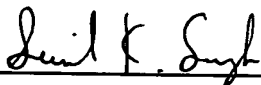
Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims of the captioned Application satisfy all requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee not included with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

If the Examiner determines that prosecution of the instant application would benefit from a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (212) 790-6578.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. [_____] 09/255,384 entitled "Catalysts for Oxidative Dehydrogenation" (Attorney Docket No. [99-25] 104060-004-999) to Liu, filed on February 22, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.